

officially entered this conflict on March 12, 1947 and won it on December 31, 1991 at the stroke of midnight. During that time, America saw the creation of the Central Intelligence Agency [CIA], and the implementation of both the Marshall plan, and the Truman doctrine.

Mr. Speaker, the cold war was a war that the United States won. It took 50 years to win, but it showed the whole world what we have always known, that a democratic form of government will outlast a communist form of government. As we look at the world now we see that the former Eastern bloc countries are democratic and are now becoming partners with the United States in a whole host of issues. This would not have been possible without these cold war warriors tremendous efforts. This in itself is reason to erect a monument.

Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that all of my colleagues will support the passage of this legislation.

#### STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF WALTER HOLDEN CAPPS

#### **HON. BILL LUTHER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 7, 1997*

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, we all lost a friend last week with the passing of Representative Walter Capps. Walter's untimely death, coming without warning, reminds us of the fragility of life. Even though he was only here in the House for 10 months, Walter and I spent quite a bit of time together. Our committee assignments, Science, and International Relations, were identical and we also served together on the Science Subcommittees on Basic Research, and Space and Aeronautics. Walter's positive outlook, passion for service and tireless sense of humor helped make sometimes lengthy committee proceedings seem to go just a little quicker. I'm going to miss Walter Capps not just because he was a friend and a genuinely good guy but also because he was the kind of person we need more of in Congress. I am also a new person to this institution, having arrived here just 2 years before Walter and I know that he was committed to doing everything he could to change the public perception and the private reality of Congress. He was a reformer in the truest sense of the word—a person dedicated to making Government work better for our employers, the people. Our hearts and prayers go out to his wife Lois, his children Lisa, Todd, and Laura, and the people he represented. We know you'll miss him so much and we will too.

#### WELCOMING THE WORLD RE- KNOWNED ST. MICHAEL'S BOY'S CHOIR TO WASHINGTON, DC

#### **HON. JAMES V. HANSEN**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 7, 1997*

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to announce that some very talented young individuals will visit the House of Representatives in early December

to honor us with a short musical performance in the Cannon Caucus Room. The St. Michael's Boy's Choir, representing the St. Michael's Boy's Choir School from Toronto, Canada, is visiting the Washington, DC area and has agreed to perform a Christmas medley the afternoon of December 5.

Mr. Speaker, please allow me to pass along some words of praise for this fine group of young people.

Canada's St. Michael's Choir School has been internationally acclaimed and is considered to have one of the finest boy's choirs in the world. The 150 boys who made up the choir represent over 40 different ethnic groups, and they come from many countries.

The choir school, located in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, offers training from grade 3 through grade 13, with a student body of over 370 boys. The secondary school offers a 5-year arts and science program for the 98-percent of students who continue on to a university or college program. To qualify for admission to the choir school, students must have a good voice and a musical ear. Each boy has private piano lessons weekly and may also be invited to study pipe organ, violin, or classical guitar.

The music program for this choir school was so highly regarded that it was accorded an affiliation with the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music in Rome, one of only six in the world. This affiliation, the only one accorded to a North American school, allows the authorization to grant degrees in sacred music.

The Boy's Choir makes two trips a year out of Canada—one to Europe and one to the United States. Earlier this year, they were in Europe to sing at a major music festival where they were awarded first place and had the opportunity to sing before the Pope. Additionally, concert tours, recordings, radio and television appearances, and live performances have increased their visibility to the world audience. Their best known concert in Canada is the annual Christmas Concert which attracts over 8,000 people annually.

Mr. Speaker, we are indeed fortunate to have these wonderful young men here on December 5 to sing for us in the Cannon Caucus Room. Brian Rae, their choir director, has told us his boys are excited and honored to be coming to our Nation's Capitol and are looking forward to their performance for the House of Representatives. I invite all my colleagues and their staffs to attend this wonderful event.

#### SMALL TURBINE INVESTMENT CREDIT

#### **HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 7, 1997*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, last month, the World Wildlife Fund conducted a national survey regarding the attitude of Americans toward global warming. One interesting result was that voters overwhelmingly support proposals which encourage consumer access to clean energy options. In particular, 81 percent of Americans responded that tax incentives should be made available to encourage the sale of clean energy.

Since coming to Congress, I've worked on several initiatives to support wind turbine in-

vestment. Today I introduced a bill which will provide a 30-percent tax credit toward the purchase of small wind turbines, 50 kw or less. Similar legislation already has been introduced by Senators CHARLES GRASSLEY and JAMES JEFFORDS. I hope a majority of my House colleagues will join me in supporting this bipartisan legislation.

At a time when U.S. energy consumers are under international pressure to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, passage of the small wind turbine investment credit will, in my view, encourage alternative energy use for small users, increase the international competitiveness of U.S. alternative technology industries, and help rural communities that lack access to utility grids.

#### HONORING AUGUST F. SCORNAIENCHI

#### **HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 7, 1997*

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor August Scornaienchi, the Alameda County Superintendent of Schools, on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Scornaienchi has devoted over 36 years of service in public education, 24 of those in leadership positions within the Alameda County Office of Education. He is a visionary who has worked diligently at education reform before it became fashionable. This vision, his passion, and his leadership abilities have earned him the respect of not only his colleagues, but the community as well.

Superintendent Scornaienchi has been a champion for students of minority and marginalized groups and has worked diligently to provide for their special needs. He was one of the first to develop and later expand an outstanding bilingual/multicultural education program which gained a statewide reputation as a model program. He was instrumental in developing educational programs for homeless children, recognizing the incredible hurdles that this population faces. This program included setting up a portable unit at a shelter in Berkeley and equipping it with computers and educational materials, securing grants to pay for tutoring programs, and conducting workshops for staff to learn how to better serve homeless children. He has expanded county office educational services to neglected and delinquent youth by opening four community-based school programs and an innovative "boot camp" for at-risk students in collaboration with the probation department. He has furthered the opportunities for pregnant and parenting teens by providing alternative programs, including academic and support services which allow students to complete their high school education. In addition, he was among the first superintendents in the county to publicly condemn homophobia in our schools and to encourage local schools to address the intolerance and the other complex issues facing this student population.

Superintendent Scornaienchi clearly recognizes that there are many factors that impact upon a child's education. Under his guidance, the county has taken a leadership role in the areas of school safety, dealing with hate-motivated behavior, Healthy Kids Resources and